

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-59, 61-101 are pending, with claims 1, 41, 52, 53, 84, and 95 being independent. Claims 11 and 60 have been cancelled. Claims 1-7, 12-15, 19-21, 26-31, 34-56, 58, 62, 66-76, 78-99 have been amended. Claims 100 and 101 have been added. Support for the amendments and the new claims may be found in the application at, for example, FIGS. 5-10 and the accompanying text. No new matter has been introduced.

Claim Objections

Claim 93 and 94 have been objected to for referring to a “system.” Claims 93 and 94 have been amended to replace “system” with “host.” Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection of claims 93 and 94.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 41-52, 84-95, 98, and 99 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Amended independent claims 41 and 84 have been amended to recite “a processor” and amended independent claims 52 and 95 have been amended to recite “tangible computer-readable medium.” Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of amended independent claims 41, 52, 84, and 95 and their respective dependent claims.

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8, 11-22, 26-31, 34-45, 48-57, 60-68, 72-76, 78-88, and 91-99 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Gross (U.S. Patent No. 2004/0143564). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Gross

does not describe or suggest receiving, from the host, a first result that includes a first argument and an identifier of a first web application and receiving, from the host, a second result that includes a second argument that is different from the first argument, and an identifier of a second web application, wherein the second web application differs from the first web application in function, as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Rather, Gross discloses a search application interface that includes search mode tabs for files (304A), email (306A), email attachments (308A), the World Wide Web (Web) (310A), prior Web search results (312A), and favorites (314A). *See* Gross at ¶ [0096]; FIG. 3A. The tabbed interfaces can have a main search field (322A), where a user can enter a search string. *See* Gross at ¶ [0097]; FIG. 3A. Search results are displayed in a list area (324A). *See* Gross at ¶ [0098]; FIG. 3A. If user is searching through email, the search application interface identifies a an application (336A) associated with each email found. *See* Gross at FIG. 3A. Alternatively, if the user is searching for files stored on the user's computer, the search application interface identifies the file type (314B) associated with each file found. *See* Gross at FIG. 3B.

Therefore, Gross does not describe or suggest a receiving an identifier of a first web application and an identifier of a second web application. As such, Gross does not describe or suggest receiving, from the host, a first result that includes a first argument and an identifier of a first web application and receiving, from the host, a second result that includes a second argument that is different from the first argument, and an identifier of a second web application, wherein the second web application differs from the first web application in function, as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of amended independent claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Amended independent claims 41 and 52 recite features similar to those discussed above in connection with amended independent claim 1 and do so in the context of a system (claim 41) and a tangible computer readable medium (claim 52). Accordingly, at least for the reasons discussed above in connection with amended independent claim 1, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of amended independent claims 41 and 52 and their respective dependent claims.

Amended independent claim 53 recites, in part, analyzing a character stream to generate results that are responsive to a user's predicted interest, the results including a first result that includes a first argument and an identifier of a first web application and a second result that includes a second argument that is different from the first argument, and an identifier of a second web application, wherein the second web application differs from the first web application in function. As discussed above in connection with amended independent claim 1, Gross does not describe or suggest a receiving an identifier of a first web application and an identifier of a second web application. As such, Gross does not describe or suggest the noted features of amended independent claim 53. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of amended independent claim 53 and its dependent claims.

Amended independent claims 84 and 95 recite features similar to those discussed above in connection with amended independent claim 53 and do so in the context of a system (claim 84) and a tangible computer readable medium (claim 95). Accordingly, at least for the reasons discussed above in connection with amended independent claim 53, applicants respectfully

request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of amended independent claims 84 and 95 and their respective dependent claims.

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. § 103

*Claims 9, 10, 46, 47, 58, and 59*

Claims 9, 10, 46, 47, 58, and 59 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Gross in view of Boss (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,618). Boss, which is cited as allegedly showing “the use of an elapsed time procedure to note when a connection should be terminated based upon non-use,” (see Office Action mailed April 28, 2008 at page 8) does not cure the failure of Gross to describe or suggest the subject matter of amended independent claims 1, 41, and 53 from which claims 9, 10, 46, 47, 58, and 59 respectively depend. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9, 10, 46, 47, 58, and 59.

*Claims 23-25 and 69-71*

Claims 23-25 and 69-71 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Gross in view of Bourquin (U.S. Patent No. 5,799,284). Bourquin, which is cited as allegedly showing “the searching of addresses by city, state or ZIP,” (see Office Action mailed April 28, 2008 at page 9) does not cure the failure of Gross to describe or suggest the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 53 from which claims 23-25 and 69-71 respectively depend. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 23-25 and 69-71.

*Claims 32, 33 and 77*

Claims 32, 33 and 77 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Gross in view of Aravamudan (U.S. Patent No. 6,301,609). Aravamudan, which is cited as allegedly showing “the use of a presence server to detect whether a user was online and to send the user an instant message,” (see Office Action mailed April 28, 2008 at page 9) does not cure the failure of Gross to describe or suggest the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 53 from which claims 32, 33 and 77 respectively depend. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 32, 33 and 77.

New Claims

New claims 100 and 101 respectively depend from amended independent claim 1. At least for the reason of that dependency and the reasons noted above with respect to amended independent claim 1, applicants respectfully submit that new claims 100 and 101 are allowable. Because each claim recites additional features, however, the individual consideration of each new claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to

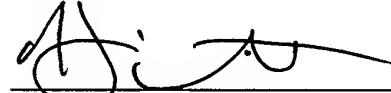
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concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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